

AMENDMENTS:**In the Specification:**

At Page 11, please amend the section appearing at lines 6-10 as follows:

flexible shield layers 20 and the protective cover 24. Alternatively, the insulation layer 42 may be disposed external to the protective cover 24 via ~~Velcro~~VELCRO™ hook and loop material fasteners, adhesives, snaps, stitched threads and the like. Suitable materials for the one or more insulation layers 42 may include, for example, a multi-layer insulation (MLI) commonly used for on-orbit thermal protection.

At page 13, please amend the section appearing at lines 11 and 12 as follows:

Such fasteners 84 may include, but are not limited to, ~~Velcro~~VELCRO™ hook and loop material, straps, snaps, ties, hooks, and the like.